

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend Title as follows:

~~NANOCRYSTALS HAVING POLYNUCLEOTIDE STRANDS AND THEIR USE TO FORM DENDRIMERS IN A SIGNAL AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM~~
POLYNUCLEOTIDE STRANDS OPERABLY LINKED TO NANOCRYSTALS FUNCTIONALIZED TO BE WATER SOLUBLE

Please amend the first paragraph of page 1 of the specification as follows:

This is a continuation-in-part patent application based on earlier, co-pending patent Application No. 09/437,076, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,261,779 issued July 17, 2001, which is herein incorporated by reference.